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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chmn/COMIREX

FROM: Chmn/IHC

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1. Attached is a first cut draft of an RMS Security Policy statement that we intend to provide to security working group members as a point of departure. I bring it to your attention because it is the first comprehensive listing of the major security features we believe should be incorporated in the system and because its implementation will have an obvious, and perhaps controversial, impact on system design, configuration, and operation. We believe that all prescribed security features are functionally and technically implementable, and will not have a significant cost impact relative to the projected life cycle cost of the system.

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3. The foregoing reflects the mandate of the newly revised DCID 1/16 as concerns systems to be brought on line in 1992 and beyond. Given its operational importance, development cost, and security sensitivity, the RMS program will be considered a litmus test of the DCI's intentions and expections regarding improvement of computer security. In addition to establishing the security standard for other Community information handling programs, RMS will be viewed as a bellwhether by that segment of industry (made up almost exclusively of small companies) which has been, to date, supporting development of the computer security devices we require largely with its own resources in anticipation of a future market.

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    4. While all aspects of the proposed RMS security policy are not of equal importance, and compromises with conflicting demands may have to be made, it is important that what is ultimately implemented be the product of explicit senior management decision rather than of technical expediency. We are, of course, prepared to work with you toward that end.

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